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## GENERAL

1. US to support British on Palestine resolution--Concerning the recommendation of the US delegation to the UN that the US strongly support the 28 October British resolution on Palestine, the Department of State has instructed the delegation to limit its action to brief endorsement and favorable vote on the resolution. (The British resolution endorses the Acting Mediator's recent order that both sides in Palestine withdraw to their 14 October positions and directs the appointment of a Security Council committee to examine appropriate measures to be taken subsequent to non-compliance by either belligerent.)
2. Norwegian views on Scandinavian defense--Norwegian Foreign Minister Lange has informed US Embassy Oslo that although Norway and Denmark have recently urged Sweden to hasten current defense discussions, he is not hopeful of the ultimate results from Sweden. Lange believes, however, that it may be barely possible to secure a regional defense arrangement tacitly aimed at the USSR or possibly an agreement for joint defense of a strategic sector of Scandinavia. He expressed the view that it would be preferable to allow a Nordic defense bloc to operate temporarily without affiliation with the western powers. Lange indicated that even in Norway there is opposition to wholehearted support of a western European union without tangible guarantee of military supplies from the US.

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3. CHINA: Chiang reported desperately ill--US Ambassador Stuart has been informed by a "usually reliable source" that Chiang Kai-shek collapsed on 26 October and is desperately ill in Peiping.

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(CIA Comment: CIA has no further information to confirm the reported illness of Chiang Kai-shek; this story might be intended to prepare the way for the Generalissimo's resignation. There has been no indication that Vice President Li Tsung-jen or other Nationalist leaders have made constructive plans for the confused situation which would follow a sudden departure of Chiang.)

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